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REVISION OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been upward revision of Minimum Support Price for Wheat despite huge buffer stocks of unsold grains;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have entertained any requests from the Government of Karnataka for upward revision of Minimum Support Price of Copra, Arhar (Toor) Dal and Maize to provide relief to the local farmers;

(c) if not, whether the Government would evolve a common uniform policy for considering revision of Minimum Support Price on agri products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat was raised from Rs.610 per quintal of 2000-01 crop to Rs.620 per quintal of 2001-02 crop on the basis of the recommendations of the CACP, views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries, as well as other factors considered important in fixation of support price.

(b): The State Government of Karnataka requested for upward fixation of MSP of copra for 2002 season as compared to 2001 season. But keeping in mind the various factors taken into account in fixation of MSP, the Government decided to fix the MSP of copra for the 2002 season at last year`s MSP. The NAFED will continue to act as the central nodal agency to undertake price support operations of copra, during 2002 season.

The Report of the CACP on price policy for kharif crops of 2002-03 season (including arhar and maize) has been circulated among the State Governments for obtaining their views/comments. The views/comments of the State Government of Karnataka are still awaited.

(c)&(d): The Government announces each season the MSPs of major agricultural commodities on the basis of factors as mentioned in reply to Part (a) and usually these are fixed at higher level as compared to the previous season. The MSP of major agricultural commodities announced by the Government are uniform throughout the country.